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Crash course



Photo by Jeffrey D. Porter

A student sleeps on a bench near the Science Building. Students are weak and weary from midterms this week.

Too many bikes, too few lockers



THE AIR WE BREATHE
Fifth in a series

By CHELSEA J. CARTER and CHESTER FONG

In an effort to save money CSUS students are turning to bicycling, but they are finding it difficult to find adequate and safe storage.

"The demand (for bike lockers) far exceeds the supply," said Bob Ward, assistant director of Peak Adventures.

There are 230 bicycle lockers available to the 24,468 students attending CSUS. Of the 230 lockers, 45 are damaged beyond use, said Peak Adventures director Kathy Robertson.

The limited number of lockers will not be increased this year, Robertson said.

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Comet could mean catastrophe in 2126

Odds small but scientists still cautious

By MATT SKRYJA

An astronomer's calculations reveal a comet six miles in diameter has a slim chance of striking Earth in the year 2126, effectively wiping out human life on the planet.

"(A comet hitting Earth) is an event that people feel may have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs," said Homer Ibser, CSUS professor emeritus of physics . "The human race might get it this time."

The Swift-Tuttle comet is in an orbit that takes it near the sun every 130 years. Calculations have it nearing the sun again on July 11, 2126.

However, a 15 day difference in the timing of the comet's return could cause the comet to hit Earth on Aug. 14, 2126, according to Brian Marsden, director of the International Astronomical Union's Central Telegram Bureau.

However, the actual chance of the ice and rock comet hitting the earth is extremely small.

"There's a much greater chance it will miss us by a respectable amount, tens of millions of miles," Marsden told *Newsday*.

He told the paper, however, the comet's path needs to be monitored.

"It appears prudent to follow Swift-Tuttle for as long as possible (with telescopes)," he said. "That would let us get enough observations to be reasonably sure it won't hit us."

Ibser compared the impact to the detonation of numerous atomic bombs.

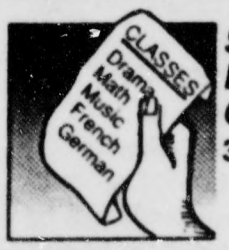
"It's easy to calculate, a (comet) the size of a house will release enough energy the size of a megaton bomb," Ibser said. Something that is six miles in diameter would be like "detonating a whole arsenal of nuclear arms."

It's just not the impact of the comet travelling thousands of miles a minute that causes all the damage, but the gases that are released into the atmo-

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Course rank close to completion

Business Administration leads others in program priority



SCALING DOWN CSUS
3rd in a series

By KRISTINE SIMPSON

The School of Business Administration is farther along than other schools in its recommendations for program ranking that will ultimately decide what programs students will have left to choose from.

"I think it is a necessary step," said Herb Blake, management department chair. "If it weren't for the mandate from the university, I am not sure we would have done it so quickly. I just hope we don't cut down so far that it changes the nature of the university."

Although still in the planning stage, undergraduate concentrations in accountancy and management information science, as well as undergraduate major core courses and master's in business administration, were listed as high priority programs in the draft of the Program Priority Report issued by the school.

Undergraduate concentrations in finance, human resource management, insurance, international business, marketing, operations management, real estate and land use and strategic management were given medium priority as well as master's degrees in accountancy and management information science.

Lowest ranking went to undergraduate lower division core courses, minors programs, public administration, special majors and master's degrees, and master of business administration foundation courses.

"The priorities established are very student-oriented," said Merle Martin, associate dean for Student Affairs. "Low priority programs will be any programs that students can get somewhere else, such as a community college. That way we are minimizing the impact it will have on the students."

"A big concern of the departments is the uncertainty of what's going to happen," said Blake. "What is it going to mean if you're teaching a low-priority course?"

Because prioritizing is the name of the game in the business field, the rankings do not come to the school as a serious burden, Martin said.

"Obviously we wish we didn't

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$186 due by Friday for fee increase

The deadline to pay the $186 dollars in fee increases is this Friday.

If students do not pay by the due date of Oct. 30, then they will not be allowed to register for the next semester, said Allison McGill, director of financial services.

As of Oct. 26, CSUS has received 11,200 payments. There are approximately 1,400-1,500 payments still waiting to be registered indicating that they have paid the fees, McGill said.

McGill expects some students to wait until the very last minute until they pay.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

ON OTHER CSU CAMPUSES

Two students charge SJPD with brutality

From the San Jose State Spartan Daily

Two SJSU students arrested last Wednesday charged San Jose police officers with police brutality.

The students said they will file a lawsuit against the San Jose Police Department, the city of San Jose and all the officers involved for what they called an "abuse of authority" by the officers during their arrests at the Alma Community Center in west-central San Jose.

The announcement came at a news conference held Friday by the students' attorney, Jessie Serna.

Miguel Diaz, 18, freshman at SJSU, and Israel Chavez, 22, an aviation major, were arrested at the center on suspicion of resisting or obstructing a police officer and trespassing.

Chavez said he was struck with a baton five to eight times by officer Tom Wilson, which left bruises on his arm, buttocks and legs. Diaz suffered a sprained left wrist. He was treated at Valley Medical Center before being taken to the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

Diaz and Chavez — both members of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) — said Wednesday's incident was racially motivated.

The SJPD is investigating the incident, which also resulted in the arrests of two Willow Glen High School students on suspicion of resisting or obstructing an officer and trespassing. All four students were booked but have been released.

Sgt. Dennis Luca said he met with San Jose Police Chief Lou Cobarruviaz and a full investigation is being conducted to determine if the officers involved acted in a disorderly manner.

"If they felt victimized by the police, it's their right, just like any other citizen, to exercise due process," Luca said. "Our purpose is to seek the truth."

— Don McGee

Some Find Campus Crime Pays

From the California State University, Fresno Insight

Non-CSUF students perpetrate almost half of all campus crimes, especially auto thefts and burglaries, said CSUF police investigator Michael O'Reilly.

"Every year is different, but there seems to be more non-students," O'Reilly said.

Despite the increase in non-student involvement in campus crimes, the overall reported crime rate declined from 1990 to 1991.

For example, 34 auto thefts were reported in 1991, compared to 48 in 1990.

Similarly, figures for larceny and theft declined from 506 in 1990 to 315 in 1991, while the number of reported burglaries fell from 75 in 1990 to 42 in 1991.

Despite many of the declines, some other areas increased slightly.

Figures for both aggravated assault and weapon possession rose from three to six between 1990 and 1991.

O'Reilly said the decrease in crime can be attributed to greater police visibility, an increase in police patrols and an increase in orientation talks relating to crime prevention.

Charlie Miller, assistant director of housing, said his staff does its part by conducting prevention programs at the beginning of the school year.

"We talk about personal safety and encourage people to lock their doors," he said.

O'Reilly said there are several reasons for the increasing number of non-students involved in crime.

With the onset of the recession and the bleak employment outlook, he said many non-students have become frustrated and are out looking for a way to make a fast buck. "It's economics," he said.

"There are no jobs and sometimes they go the criminal route."

He said another major reason for the large number of non-students, especially juveniles, involved in burglary and thievery is the need to support drug habits.

In addition to auto thefts and burglaries, he said off-campus criminals are typically involved in such illicit activities as petty theft and bicycle theft.

While most of these crimes are committed by people in their 20s, juveniles in the 15- to 16-year-old category prevail in the area of auto thefts, O'Reilly said.

The predominance of juveniles involved in campus auto thefts is also reflected in the County of Fresno. County statistics show that in 1991, 819 juveniles were arrested for auto theft, up from 540 in 1990.

Overall, juveniles accounted for 65 percent of all auto thefts and the percentage has been increasing every year.

— Erin Yasuda

Budget cuts sicken Cal Poly's Health Center

From the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Mustang Daily

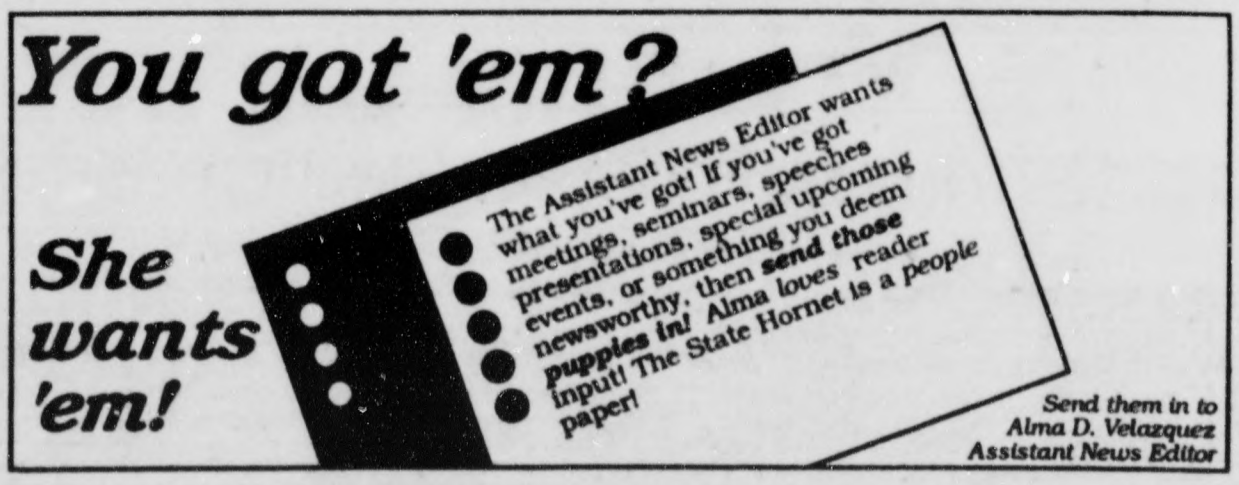
The loss of nearly $1 million in funding over the last two years forcedCal Poly Health Center to make some cost-reducing changes in service this year, officials there say.

The Health Center, a seven-day-a-week operation last year, will now be open Monday through Friday only, said Kerry Yamada, director of Health and Psychological Services. Students needing health service on weekends will be forced to go elsewhere, he said.

Additionally, walk-in service at the clinic has been replaced by a combination of an appointment system and immediate urgent care service, Yamada said.

Instead of the first come-first serve system formerly used, students now seeking medical attention are first seen by a nurse for a "quick medical assessment," he said.

—Todd Hogan



CAMPUS EVENTS

Today

• Proposition 165, the Government Accountability and Taxpayer Protection Act, will be debated from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Forest Suite, University Union.

• Free Measles/Rubella immunizations will be given from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Student Health Center for students born after Jan. 1, 1957.

This immunization is required prior to registration for Spring '93.

• The American Marketing Association will be meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third floor of the University Union. Pillsbury will speak during the meeting.

• Omegawood Productions presents "Movie Madness" starring Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston in "The Addams Family" at 7 p.m. in the Redwood Room, U.U.

Make this Halloween a scream. Bring friends and enjoy a Halloween treat.

• CSUS Students For Life will be hosting the Pro Life Awareness Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Redwood Room, U.U.

For more information call Eric Samuels 344-8544.

• The Humanities Club presents a graduate school information seminar at 7 p.m. in Mendocino Hall, Room 1003.

Topics include selecting the best school for you, improving your chances of getting in, grants and scholarships, and the GRE.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

• The Accounting Society will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Redwood Room. Canned food drive starts today.

• The Society for the Advancement of Management presents Barry Crist of Apple Computers at noon in the Forest Suite.

Crist will be discussing the philosophy of Apple, new product line and job opportunities within Apple.

Everyone is welcome.

• The Accounting Society will hold its fourth general meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Redwood Room.

• The Philosophy Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Professor Bradley Dowden's home.

Maps available in the Philosophy Dept.

Thursday, Oct. 29

• The Organization of Motivated Black Men is sponsoring Minister Abdul Rahman Muhammad from the Nation of Islam to speak on the "Legacy of Malcolm X."

The event will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Redwood Room.

This is an event you won't want to miss in anticipation of the movie by Spike Lee in November.

• The Young Democrats will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Mendocino Hall, Room 1003.

Mayor-elect Joe Serna will be the guest speaker.

• The Women's General Support Group provides a safe environment to discuss issues such as co-dependency, stress, communication problems, racism, harassment, self assertiveness and life on campus in general.

Join group from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center.

Friday, Oct. 30

• Students For Choice will present an educational performance concerning the status of reproductive rights at noon in the Library Quad.

Monday, Nov. 2

• The Office of International Programs and the Center for Pacific Asian Studies present a lecture by Dr. Douglas Pike, director of the Institute of East Asian Studies, U.C. Berkeley, on the topic of "Vietnam Update," in the Forest Suite at 2:30 p.m. He'll share his views on Vietnam today.

• The School of Engineering and Computer Science will hold a seminar titled "The Changing Role of the Engineering in Manufacturing" from 2 to 4 p.m. in the California Suite, U.U.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

• Alpha Kappa Alpha is sponsoring "Black men excelling in the '90s" at the Multicultural Center from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information call Tara Lampkins 568-5018.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

• The Society For Advancement of Management presents Dennis Gorsuch, managing director of Right Associates. Mr. Gorsuch will discuss the benefits and importance of networking.

The meeting will be at noon in the Forest Suite.

Thursday, Nov. 5

• The Policy Advisory Board will meet in El Dorado Room at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Student ousted from Union post

By SALLY TAKETA

Beth Quirarte, one of two people elected as University Union director, was removed from the position last Thursday.

Quirarte, who was elected to the position last spring, was removed because she didn't meet the minimum grade qualifications.

Quirarte's grade point average fell below the 2.0 requirement during the semester she was campaigning for her position.

"I was focusing on more important issues, (like) the fee increase," Quirarte said. "If I had to do it all over again I would do it the same way."

The Union Policy Board met Thursday to announce the departure of Quirarte and to interview applicants for three vacant positions on the board.

"I don't understand why any one individual semester should count more than any other," Quirarte said. "My overall academic record supports me being here."

The grade requirement states the candidate must have a 2.0 GPA and take at least six units during their candidacy semester as well as during the semester they are in office.

"She wanted her constituency to know that she was not dropping out," said Don Hinde, director of the University Union. "She is leaving because she did not qualify."

Quirarte voiced concerned that the loss of her position on the board would lessen the student support.

"There will be less of a student voice because there will be fewer students on the policy board until the (Associated Students Inc.) board appoints them," she said.

Quirarte also questioned the delay in receiving notification of her ineligibility to hold office.

"I wait until after add and drop day has passed before I ask for that information from the Registrar's Office," Hinde responded.

Quirarte said she plans to pursue this issue not for herself, but for future candidates.

"I will be pursuing the development of the policy," Quirarte said. "I will be lobbying against this for the future.

" I will write to the CSU Board of Trustees, the Association of University Unions and my state senator."

Living abroad aids learning

Students can earn credit while living in places like Zimbabwe

By CHARLES OWEN

If traveling the world while continuing your education sounds appealing, CSUS may have the program you've been waiting for.

The Office of International Programs at CSUS is offering overseas studies for the 1993-1994 school year, in countries as close as Mexico and Canada and as far away as Russia and Zimbabwe.

"I was studying in Germany last year at this time," said Kati Anderson, an alumni assistant for the International Program at CSUS. "Actually, I was celebrating Octoberfest."

Anderson recommends the program to any student, but says it is especially useful to students majoring in international relations, international business, government, politics, economics and agriculture.

The cost of the program depends on which country you study in. Mexico is the least expensive at around $7,000 for a year, and Japan is the most expensive at around $16,000 for a year. These figures include room and board, tuition, meals and estimated personal expenses.

Financial aid is available for students and the Financial Aid Office can figure out what a student will need in order to participate. Student loans are also available for those who may need to borrow money.

Rachel Murray, a CSUS graduate majoring in government with an emphasis in development policy, spent last year in Zimbabwe.

"It was great," Murray said. "Zimbabwe is a beautiful country, and most everything was real cheap. It was a good safari opportunity."

Students studying overseas are still enrolled in the CSU system and all of the credits earned will be applied to either general education or toward the student's major requirements. These units are also transferable to any other CSU campus.

In the 1991-1992 school year, 26 students from CSUS participated in the international program. However, Murray was the only one in Zimbabwe.

"I got a little homesick toward the middle of my stay, but I was glad to go," Murray said. "They really like Americans. They learn most of what they know about Americans from shows like *Dynasty* and *Dallas*. They think we are all rich."

The program is affected by the recession and world affairs. During the Gulf War, students in the program were brought back from Israel. Consequently, certain countries with unstable governments or those known for terrorist activity against Americans are not offered in the program.

The application deadline for the 1993-1994 school year is Feb. 1, 1993. The program requires a 2.7 GPA, but some countries are not as strict about students' GPAs as others.

Other countries included in the program are Sweden, Denmark, Australia, Spain, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

For more information on the program and the requirements, contact the Office of International Programs located in room 116 of the Administration Building.

Greeks raise $11,000 for United Cerebral Palsy

Money provides for specially adaptive toys

By CHESTER FONG

For the past three weeks, CSUS fraternity and sorority members volunteered in a phone-a-thon to help raise money for the Toy Lending Library of the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Sacramento.

Seven different fraternities and sororities volunteered for the event. So far the phone-a-thon has raised over $11,000.

The Toy Lending Library provides specially adaptive toys to disabled children.

"This has been excellent," said Jody Eaton, United Cerebral Palsy special coordinator/office manager and a CSUS and Delta Gamma sorority alumna. "(I) credit all the fraternities and sororities with their communication skills and reliability."

Due to budget cuts, the annual budget of $15,000 for the Toy Lending Library had to be entirely raised through donations.

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Eaton sought the help of Greeks at CSUS for several reasons.

She said that Greeks are "reliable" and "easy to talk with" when it comes to phone pledging.

Many of the Greeks who volunteered expressed satisfaction with the phone-a-thon.

"It is a worthwhile cause," said Shamus McClury of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. "Everyone should get involved, it's good to give something back to the community."

Braden Moffet of Kappa Sigma fraternity, who raised a phone-a-thon record $1,050, also expressed gratification. "It feels good to help those children."

Eaton said she hopes the support will continue since a national United Cerebral Palsy telethon is scheduled along with a Sacramento telethon in January.

Volunteers will once again be asked to help out with taking phone pledges, but Eaton emphasized this telethon will be much bigger.

"Since we will be on television, this will be good exposure for your organization," she said.

Got a news TIP? Don't leave us hanging! Send it to Derek J. Moore, News Editor, c/o the *State Hornet*

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social events... service to the poor
Spiritual Guidance... fun...
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All are Welcome



Photo by Stephanie Bird

Joe Garcia, graduate student, stores his bike in one of the bike lockers on campus. The bike is his only means of transportation.

Bikes...

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"We have enough money to buy 15 locker units which will house 30 bicycles. But with 45 damaged lockers out of use, they have to be fixed," she said.

A single locker unit, which houses two bicycles, costs approximately $800.

Robertson said the money to purchase the lockers will come out of the trust fund set up for the monies collected from previous years locker rentals.

"If we could raise the rental fee, we would be able to purchase and fix lockers at a more frequent rate," she said.

As for asking the University for money to help expand the locker program, Robertson said,

"With the economic hardships the University is enduring, I am sure we will not receive any funding," she said.

"I don't think it's fair that such a limited amount of them are available," said student Chad Thornberry. "Anyone who has a good bike wants to have a locker, since parts of my bike were stolen in the caged bike area last year."

Thornberry appears to be an isolated case said Department of Public Safety Investigator John Hamrick.

"I can't recall any problems this semester," he said.

Of the two caged bicycle areas on campus, only one is monitored - the Guy West Bridge compound.

The Music Building compound is unmonitored.

"It's a Catch 22," Robertson said. "There's no monitoring (at the Music building) because there are no students using it, and there are no students using it because there is no monitoring."

Ward said approximately 10 to 20 of the lockers on campus become available each semester.

"This semester we had people camped out overnight since it is first come, first serve," Ward said. "It is unfortunate since it would promote people to ride and in turn lead to cleaner air and student fitness."

Thornberry has been attempting to obtain one of the precious few lockers for three years.

"Going in line and knowing it is a losing battle to begin with is very frustrating," he said.

As a non-profit organization, Peak Adventures must comply with a CSU regulation that limits the amount that can be charged for renting a locker to $10.

Currently, rules regarding locker rental allow anyone to rent a locker for an unlimited amount of time from Peak Adventures, providing they pay $10 per semester, and another $10 for a key deposit.

"Many of the lockers are rented out by staff and faculty, so there is a low turnover," Ward said.

"But someone can keep a locker long after they leave school, if they keep paying," he added.

CSUS student Rick Smith has been continually renting a bike locker since 1990.

"I was fortunate enough to get (a locker) and I plan on keeping it until I graduate," he said.

Thornberry dislikes the continual semester to semester rental policy.

"I think every year all the lockers should be made available. Because I did not get one, I am forced to drive to school from downtown."

Man arrested again for indecent exposure

By SALLY TAKETA

A man arrested last month for indecent exposure was arrested on the same charge and a additional charge of resisting arrest last Monday.

Dwayne Ronald Tyson, 22, was arrested on Sept. 21 in the Library after witnesses complained about a man laying on the floor and masturbating, said John Hamrick, investigator for the CSUS Department of Public Safety.

"When (Officer Bill) Scheffler confronted the guy, his pants were unzipped and he theorized that the crime was still in progress," Hamrick said.

The suspect ran from Scheffler and was caught by Officer Dave Watson as the he was coming up the stairs.

Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor.

Police rely on the witnesses to come forward.

"A lot of victims are hesitant to stay and talk to the police," Hamrick said. "We need the victims to come forward to report it. Then maybe we could put him in jail or get him some therapy."

Feud continues over naming of rape victim

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Marshall University's student newspaper published a special issue protesting a new board appointed to set policy for the newspaper.

Marshall President J. Wade Gilley on Friday announced he had replaced the present board with an 11-member board over which he will have more control. The former board was run from within Marshall's journalism school.

Gilley's decision came amid heated debate over The Parthenon's decision to publish the names of rape victims.

Editor Kevin Melrose said today the paper's student editors are protesting the new board because it would have the power to hire and fire editors and determine editorial policy.

"We feel that by making broad policies the board will be dictating content, which is outright censorship," Melrose said.

"We felt if anything was a good reason for publishing a special edition, an affront to the First Amendment was a good reason," he said.

Gilley could not be reached immediately at his office. In a statement released Sunday, Gilley said the new board would not try to determine editorial content.

Today's special edition contained several articles on Gilley's executive policy, which dissolved the group previously acting as publisher of the paper. The previous group consisted primarily of journalism faculty and students.

The newspaper's faculty advisor, Debra Belluomini, said the journalism faculty asked for a meeting with Gilley on Friday after he criticized the journalism program as being weak and having problems with accreditation.

Gilley did not tell the faculty members of his new executive policy or discuss it with them, but announced it after the meeting, Belluomini said.

Under his policy, Gilley will appoint two board members and approve the appointments of two others. Also, various university groups will appoint three faculty members, three students and one staff member. Only one faculty member and one student would be from the journalism program.

Bathrooms appear grimy, students say

By CHESTER FONG

Recent budget cuts have affected the cleanliness of campus restrooms, according to several CSUS students.

"The campus is always littered with trash," said Kerry Warnes, a junior economics major. "Some (bathrooms) aren't stocked well and the garbage cans are always full."

"The garbage cans are always full, there is writing on the stalls and there is always paper on the floor," added Darlene Gaan, a junior marketing major.

Janitors have been burdened by having to clean more areas than usual, said Howard Harris, CSUS Facilities Management director.

Forty-nine custodians are employed by the school and each covers an average of 38,510 square feet. "That is the equivalent of one person cleaning 26 average-sized homes per day," Harris said.

The dirtiest spots are in the older campus buildings, such as the Education Building, Douglass Hall, the old Engineering building and the English Building, Harris said.

It is harder to keep these buildings clean because newer buildings are designed to keep maintenance time at a minimum, he added.

Harris said the school is "doing the best it can" with its resources. "We try to concentrate on public areas such as classrooms and bathrooms over other areas," he said.

Some people have suggested more student involvement and awareness as a possible solution to the problem. Lisa Cross, a junior communications studies major, said there should be a volunteer program to keep the campus clean.

Aaron LeSieur, a junior psychology major, said people who use the classrooms and bathrooms should keep them litter-free and let janitors clean the busiest areas of school.

Computer saboteurs may make program to aid disabled man

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Two former Cornell University students convicted of developing an international computer virus are mulling over a suggestion to do their community service by developing software to help handicapped users.

David Blumenthal and Mark Pilgrim are studying an idea by Peter Kurland of Nashville that they develop software to make it easier for Floyd Stewart of Nashville, a quadriplegic, to use his Macintosh computer.

Kurland, a computer buff and friend of Stewart, wrote to a New York judge proposing that the two work off part of their community service sentence by doing the project.

Blumenthal, 20, of Worthington, Ohio, and Pilgrim, 19, of Valley Forge, Pa., pleaded guilty in September to misdemeanor computer tampering for their part in the release of the MBDF-A virus.

They were sentenced in Tompkins County Court in Ithaca, N.Y., to perform 10 hours of community service a week for 52 weeks.

After reading that Blumenthal and Pilgrim were sentenced to perform community service and pay fines of more than $2,000, Kurland wrote to Judge Betty Friedlander, who had sentenced them.

The judge replied Oct. 14 that she was interested in Kurland's proposal and asked him to call the attorneys in the case.

Attorneys Raymond Schlather and Robert Holdsworth said Friday their clients are considering the suggestion and are trying to figure out if they could develop and expand on such a program as this.

The attorneys expect a decision in two weeks.

Stewart, 43, disabled as a result of a 1984 car accident, uses a mouthstick and special outdated software to do work on his computer.

He said Saturday improving his software "would give me a lot more freedom and help me communicate with other Macintosh users."

Stewart uses his computer to work on a peer counseling program for a local agency that helps the handicapped.

Kurland, a film sound technician, said he figured that "if Blumenthal and Pilgrim could make a virus that went around the world, they could write this program."

"Here we have two Mac programmers, who are a rare specimen to begin with. It seemed silly to be out picking up trash when they could be doing this."

The virus, hidden in Macintosh computer games, affected computer systems as far away as Japan.

The students said it was an experiment that went awry.

Advanced software is available for Stewart's computer, but Kurland said prices start in the $400 range.

He hopes the two men could improve what is on the market.

Priority...

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have to rank programs," he said. "But we are used to it in business. One of the things we teach students is how to prioritize."

According to Martin, prioritizing is speeding up the school's reaccreditation process that takes place every five years. In order to become reaccreditated, the school must be prepared to explain what its mission is and what the priorities of the school are.

"The impact is not as great on us," Martin said. "It just gets us moving a little faster in the natural accreditation process. We are going to be going through this for the next several years."

The decrease in cuts to high priority courses is considered a positive aspect by the school, Blake said. A drawback, however, would be the gradual disappearance of some programs.

"Students will be forced to either choose another university that offers the program, or settle for an optional program here," he said. "The ones we have now are basically going to be the ones we will keep. We will only eliminate a few classes."

Beginning next semester, the School of Business Administration will develop a Strategic Planning Committee to continually review allocations and resources available to the school.

"Students will be forced to either choose another university... or settle for an optional program here."

— Herb Blake

The committee will also give business students more of a voice in program ranking because it will consist of students, alumni and community business representatives.

"Prioritizing must address the customer, which is the student," Martin said.

UCLA fraternities under fire for lyrics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two fraternities at the University of California at Los Angeles must apologize for racist and sexist lyrics in their songbooks, and one group was barred from some campus activities, a university official said.

The UCLA chapters of Theta Xi and Sigma Pi also must offer sensitivity seminars to members, and Theta Xi must conduct service projects, Chris Fishburne, a campus administrative officer, said.

Theta Xi has also been barred from taking part in this year's homecoming and Mardi Gras Festival.

The lyrics were discovered earlier this month when a campus publication printed excerpts of the Theta Xi chapter's songbook. The excerpts described sex with a Mexican prostitute and called members of a rival fraternity "faggots."

Officials said a subsequent investigation turned up offensive lyrics in Sigma Pi's songbook. The group apparently received a lighter penalty because its book was written two years ago by a former student.

Members of the fraternities couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Calls to both rang unanswered Saturday.

UCLA said the fraternities agreed to the sanctions during meetings with school officials.

Comet...

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sphere from the explosion of the comet hitting the earth, Ibser said.

This would change the climate and block out sunlight, Hall said.

"With the impact itself, you might expect to create a crater somewhere from 10 to 40 miles across," he said.

"If it hit anywhere between San Francisco and Reno, we'd be in pretty big trouble," he added.

Ibser said an attempt might be made in the future to divert the comet with a nuclear explosion, but problems of timing and accuracy would arise.

"Desperate people will try desperate things," Ibser said. "I wouldn't want to bet my life on a project like that."

Comets seem to be material left over from the formation of the solar system, Hall said.

"They're pieces that didn't crash into planets or were far enough from the sun that they didn't melt."

Comets occur when their common properties of ammonia, methane and water react with the sun's heat to form a tail that can sometimes be thousands of miles in diameter.

A comet's typical appearance in the sky is that of a fuzzy gas, Ibser said.

A comet's orbit may originate from the gravitational sling-shot effect of a planet and may even be ejected from a solar system, Hall said.

"If you're looking for something to worry about," Ibser said, "(the comet) is a good candidate."

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Trustees release budget for 1993/94 academic year

Board asks for 200 million more than CSU received last year

By STEVE HILL

The CSU Board of Trustees approved a $1.71 billion proposal for the 1993/94 academic year at a Finance Committee meeting Thursday.

The proposal will be delivered to Gov. Pete Wilson this week for consideration in the 1993/94 fiscal year state budget. The governor will deliver his statewide budget request to the state legislature in January.

"The CSU is at a critical juncture in its mission," said Chancellor Barry Munitz in a press release. "We have a historic commitment to the people of California to provide high-quality, low-cost education ... yet the cuts of the past two years have made that nearly impossible to accomplish."

Although last year's budget request of $1.77 billion was $60 million more than requested for next year, CSU Trustees spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler said she is "realistic" that they will receive some sort of increase for next year.

"We are hoping that (an increase will be approved), otherwise we cannot service the students who will be eligible for enrollment because we won't have the money," Bentley-Adler said.

"The trustees recognize and respect the current fiscal pressures throughout the state, but in the total budget allocation process, our needs must receive a higher priority than in recent years," Munitz said.

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> *— Barry Munitz*
> *CSU Chancellor*

The budget request is $201 million more than was allotted to CSU last year. Of that increase $96 million would go toward a faculty salary increase to take affect January 1994.

"Our employees have not had a salary increase since January 1991," explained Munitz, "We face disastrous consequences in our ability to recruit and retain talented faculty and staff ... unless this three-year erosion in salaries is addressed."

No mention is made in the budget of a student fee increase. Currently, state law, amended during this year's budget process, prohibits an increase from the current annual fee of $1,308 for the next two years.

The amount requested by the trustees would be 3.9 percent of the state's total budget for next year. In contrast, the 1985/86 budget made up 4.6 percent of that years budget. The 1992-93 budget of $1.51 billion took up 3.5 percent of the budget.

Munitz expressed concern for the system's continued fiscal decline. "We must press very hard for restoring CSUs 'fair share' even in a period of stable or declining overall resources to the state ... for California's sake, higher education's turn is long overdue."

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This week's question:

What do you think of Prop. 165?

Last week's responses to "Who was the most impressive in the debates?"

"I was most impressed with Ross Perot. It was nice to see for the first time a presidential candidate adress the true issues facing this country, while at the same time refusing to get caught up in the infintile act of mudslinging. I am convinced that Mr. Perot's the right man to put this country back on track."

Andy Willhoyt
Special Major

"I think Ross Perot won."

Scott Pektula
Communications

"I was impressed with the debates and I think it was a great idea, so I am voting for Perot."

Michelle English

Prop166: Is requiring health care bad for business?

Opponents claim initiative would result in unemployment and the closing of businesses

By GLENN ROBERTS JR.

Proposition 166 would require employers to provide health care for most employees and limit employee spending on coverage, though opponents claim the initiative could result in business closure and unemployment.

Prop. 166, the Basic Health Care Coverage Initiative, is supported by the California Medical Association and the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council, and opposed by several insurance companies, various consumer and labor groups, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

According to the *California Journal*, an independent political analysis magazine, "This measure requires all employers to provide health insurance to employees and their families if the employees work at least 17.5 hours a week or 70 hours per month, for at least 60 days a year."

Employees are required to pay 25 percent of the coverage or 2 percent of their salary if they cannot otherwise afford it, and employers must cover the remainder.

Danielle Walters, a spokesperson for CMA, said the 2 percent "cap" on employee cost was included in the initiative at the request of labor groups to protect low-income employees.

A No on 166 document states that the 2 percent cap could mean that employers that rely on low-income workers "will pick up a disproportionate share of the total price tag ... This could mean that employers are forced to pick up as much as 90 percent of Proposition 166's monthly price tag."

Susan Thurman, a media officer for the No on 166 campaign, said that in addition to the 2 percent premium, employees also must pay a $250 deductible or $500 for a family plan and 20 percent of all medical costs.



PROP 166
Seventh in a series on California initiatives

Businesses could lose nearly $20 billion and nearly 375,000 workers could be laid off if Prop. 166 passes, and many part-time positions would be "collapsed" to cut costs, she said.

"What you see is what you get," Thurman said.

Walters said that some businesses would be entitled to tax credits accounting for 25 percent of the cost of the health insurance coverage and start-up companies would be granted a two-year exemption under the initiative. Small businesses would pay the same rates for insurance plans as large businesses, she also said.

She said much of the opposition to Prop. 166 is from out-of-state insurance companies because the initiative would impose price standards that would not be as profitable to the companies.

"It would eliminate the use of pre-existant price-setting conditions used by insurance companies," she said.

Walters said in-state insurance companies are largely non-profit agencies and have nothing to gain by the passage of Prop. 166.

Thurman said that the CMA has an interest in maintaining the current level for health care providers, "The status quo has been very good to doctors."

Walters said of Prop. 166's effect on hospitals, "It is not necessarily a benefit but a reduction in burden to hospitals," since there may a reduction in the number of fraudulant workers' compensation claims and of uninsured persons seeking emergency room care.

Senate Bill 248, a health care bill very similar to Prop. 166 in function, did not pass Legislature earlier this year and another Senate Bill was rejected in 1990. Both bills were sponsored by CMA.

"Originally," Walters said, "we wanted the Legislature to solve the problem ... As the budget deficit grew, it became clear that any proposal requiring new taxes wouldn't pass the Legislature or voters."

Thurman said the initiative would have to undergo a congressional vote to exempt it from a federal law that disallows states from requiring businesses to provide health insurance plans for employees.

If Prop. 166 passes, it will be fully implemented by 1997, Walters said.

Voters can pick their candidates early with absentee ballots

By ED ARIAS

California voters can vote early in the general election by mailing or bringing their absentee ballots to a county elections office.

In an Oct. 15 news release, Secretary of State March Fong Eu reminded voters that they do not have to wait until Nov. 3 to cast their ballots.

"California does have early voting. Absentee voters can request and return ballots by mail, of course, but they can also go to their county elections office to request a ballot and then vote right there in the office."

Only registered voters can use the absentee ballot to vote on Oct. 28 at a local Registrar of Voters' office, offering people an extra five days to go to the voting booth should uncontrollable circumstances prevent them from going on election day.

The last day to register was Oct. 5.

Absentee ballot applications are found on the back of sample ballots mailed to registered voters and must be received by the Registrar's office by 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 in order to be eligible to vote between Oct. 29 and Nov. 3.

Applications can also be picked up at the Sacramento County Registrar's office.

According to Melissa Warren, a spokesperson for Eu, absentee voting is increasing in popularity.

She said the one setback to the increased use of the absentee ballot may be the cost. Every ballot amounts to a cost to taxpayers of nearly $7.

A May 1992 *Sacramento Bee* article cited a past gubernatorial election as an example of increasing campaign focus on absenteeism.

In that instance when Democrat Tom Bradley won a majority of votes from those who went to the polls, but Republican George Deukmejian won the absentee vote 2 to 1 and became governor.

Parties register over a million new voters for November election

By ELENA BIRCH

As of Oct. 5, which was the last day of voter registration for the Nov. 3 general election, over 1.5 million new voters have been registered although official numbers have not yet been released by the Secretary of State.

"It appears that the historic turnaround of Democratic registrations, which began earlier this year, has reached monumental proportions," said California Democratic Party Chairman Phil Angelides.

Over the next eight days, the Democratic Party plans on targeting on getting out the vote for all candidates up and down the ticket.

Among the college students, 25 key California campus were targeted for voter registration.

"This has been considered the most aggressive program in the country, and nearly 52,000 new Democratic students were registered in less than three weeks," said Angelides.

"We registered a lot (of voters). I'm glad that people just got out and registered," said Wil Moten, CSU Bakersfield Associated Students vice president and a member of the College Republicans.

In a press release, from the County Registrars office, it stated that between Feb. 2 and Oct. 5, there have been 523,197 new Republicans registered to vote.

From Humbolt to Chico to San Diego, Victory '92, a Republican youth organization, has active clubs at several college campuses. In addition they have partnerships with the California College Republicans and with the Young Republican County organizations such as Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and Sacramento.

These volunteer organizations have registered Republican voters in the thousands, and are walking precincts, handing out literature, pins and other materials, Steve Samuelian, Victory '92 youth chairman said.

"The largest organized California Republican youth effort in the last decade is in place under the Victory '92 banner," he said.

Censorship attempts increased during Banned Book Week

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana schools and libraries are seeing increasing attempts to ban books that parents and taxpayers find objectionable, censorship opponents say.

Martha McCarthy, an education professor at Indiana University who researches censorship issues, says groups such as Concerned Women for America and Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum have become more strident in pursuing book bans in recent years.

"These groups are becoming better organized. Their constituency has changed. Originally, books were banned by fundamentalist parents. Now, they are getting more of your mainstream citizens involved," McCarthy said.

This is Banned Books Week, which is designed to publicize the dangers of censorship.

Books dealing with witchcraft are a popular target these days, according to the American Library Association, but "challenges based on offensive language and frank depictions of sexuality" also are targeted, said Anne Penway, the group's assistant director.

There has been "a slow and steady increase" in the number of censorship challenges in 1991 and 1992, Penway said. The ALA reports that there were more than 500 incidents of attempted censorship reported to them in 1992. About 15 percent of those attempts are successful.

Nearly three-quarters of the book challenges reported to the ALA are from school libraries.

"One reason (for the increase) is that we are getting better at tracking them down and reporting them. The other is that there is a general increase from several well-organized campaigns against specific materials," Penway said. "We are pushing the limits of expression in our society generally."

A Linton parent asked the Linton-Stockton School Corp. 3 1/2 years ago to remove "Catcher in the Rye" from its high school library. The parent objected to the book's language and also the plot of the story which she believed could "undermine the moral conscience of the students."

A book reconsideration committee at the school reviewed the complaint, but ultimately decided not to ban the book.

A collection of books published by the Lions Club/Quest school drug prevention program also has come under attack, McCarthy said.

POLITICAL PROFILE



Marguerite Archie - Hudson



Title: Chairwoman of the Higher Education Committee

BirthDate: Nov. 18, 1937 on Younges Island in South Carolina

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Education: Won a four year scholarship to Talladega College in Alabama. Earned a bachelor of arts in psychology from Talladega College. Received her master's degree in counseling from Harvard University and a Ph. D. in higher education from UCLA.

Career: First college counselor at Locke High School in south central Los Angeles. Archie-Hudson was the systemwide associate dean and director of the Education Opportunity Program for the CSU system. She was the director of the Upward Bound program at Occidental College. In 1976 she was appointed, and served a four year term, as one of the first non-lawyers to sit on the State Bar of California. In 1992 she was appointed to the Presidential Delegation Selection Commission of the California Democratic Party. Archie-Hudson was elected to the Assembly in 1990.

Political Stance: active in child, educational, business and African-American community affairs. Archie Hudson is the Assemblywoman for the 48th District which encompasses south central Los Angeles. This district is considered to be the most heavily Democratic district in California, containing about eight times the number of Democrats as Republicans. However, the district also has a very low voter turnout, with about 100,000 registered voters. Her district is 50 percent black and 37 percent Hispanic. After a tough primary race against Los Angeles City Councilman Robert Farrell, she was elected to the Assembly, replacing former Assemblywoman Maxine Waters. Archie-Hudson believes in neighborhood schools and took a stance against busing students. She also pledged to give tax incentives to attract business to the inner-city and proposed a community plan that would integrate services from government agencies, schools and churches.

Future in Politics: Because she is in a strong Democratic district she should have no problem being reelected Nov. 3. She was just appointed by Speaker of the Assembly as Higher Education Chairwoman, but with her background in education she should be successful in making education a priority.

Bank watch interest rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are on the lookout for the next threat to the nation's banks now that a three-year wave of commercial real estate losses appears to be receding.

Ironically, they are finding it in the very same conditions that led to higher bank profits this year: the wide gap between long-term and short-term interest rates.

Banks are paying as little as 3 percent on passbook savings accounts and collecting more than double that on long-term mortgages and securities. That leads to profits. But when interest rates rise and banks are forced to pay out more on deposits, those profits can disappear and even turn into losses.

"The gain from low interest rates is temporary," said Santa Fe, N.M., consultant Roger J. Vaughan, co-author of a new study warning of rising bank failures. "If interest rates rise, then all of the gains can be wiped out overnight."

As President Bush and senior administration officials reassure the public, top regulators are quietly advising banks to protect themselves against an inevitable increase in interest rates.

OPINION

WOMAN'S WRITES

Jennifer Fleeger

Lead by example

It was a bad weekend for women.

Well, for the women in question it's been more than just a bad weekend, but for their same-sex counterparts the past few days have carried an unrelenting onslaught of disturbing messages about sexual harassment in the workplace. For many men in power, the prevailing rule of thumb seems to be, "Do as I say, not as I do."

In Saturday's and Sunday's headlines, three separate cases were documented wherein the superior in charge of enforcing an anti-harassment policy was the very same man who flagrantly violated it.

On Saturday, it was reported that five women have filed a sexual harassment suit against the Newport Beach Police Department, including a charge of rape against the current chief and a former sergeant. The women, two of which are officers, describe the Newport department as "a hotbed of sexually offensive conduct at the top levels of the command structure."

Since the incidents, the chief pinpointed in the complaints has passed out printed guidelines on sexual harassment (presumably topping the list is "Don't rape your coworkers"). There was no policy in place beforehand, however, even in light of the fact that the same department came under fire in '87 for staging a mock bachelor party to arrest two prostitutes where 19 detectives drank beer, ate pizza, and watched the women dance nude. Only after a detective received a sexual favor were the arrests made. And women should trust the man who orchestrated this trap to protect their rights in the workplace?

On the local front, an article Saturday followed up on the controversy surrounding Sacramento County Counsel Lee Elam, who left a clerk a note that read: "Where are you? I want to rape you." Elam approved his department's sexual harassment policy, so no doubt he is familiar with it. County supervisors speculate that discipline is not likely because this is his first offense, and besides, one would think "the public humiliation should be discipline enough." The National Organization for Women argues that when top executives engage in unacceptable conduct it sends a message to all employees that this type of behavior is condoned. For some, this is clearly no leap in logic.

In yet another case illustrating this unsettling trend, a story Sunday revealed that the Navy's Pacific Fleet commander told a sexually explicit joke at a staff meeting. The admiral — who reportedly has harshly disciplined his officers who've violated the Navy's policy against behavior demeaning to women — suffered an "informal, oral reprimand" for the gaffe. Apparently, he who enforces policy is above the law.

That incidents like these three still occur is disheartening in itself; that the perpetrators are allowed to skate by on their professional credentials is downright frightening. Lead by example, or don't lead at all.

EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENTS

Below are endorsements made by the State Hornet *Editorial Board on selected state propositions. Propositions to be endorsed were selected by majority vote of the board. Where endorsements are not unanimous, the vote appears at the end of each editorial. On Friday the* State Hornet *will print its endorsements in selected electoral races.*

No on 155

School overcrowding is a problem, but so is California's credit rating, its budget crisis and the condition of the system.

The 1992 School Facilities Bond Act will allow for the issuing of $900 million in bonds to pay for needed new school construction. Nevertheless, with California's current "B" credit rating, interest rates on these bonds are going to be higher than ever before. Furthermore the interest payments are going to take money away from other needed expenditures like instruction.

There are also greater problems with our schools than overcrowding. For one, the qualty of the curriculum is going down, and our teachers don't receive enough compensation for the responsiblity they have for the future. More buildings won't solve these problems.

We must get the state's finances into some sort of reasonable condition before we borrow more money.

Vote no on 155.

(Yes-1, No-5, Abstain-1)

No on 161

The Physician-Assisted Death Initiative would allow persons diagnosed with terminal illnesses to have a doctor assist them in ending their life.

This law has too many loopholes and opens too many doors.

There is no cooling-off period for patients to decide whether suicide is the right option to take. Patients need not consult their regular doctor, their families or even be residents of the state.

Moreover, this law may discourage doctors opposed to assisted suicide from telling terminally ill patients of their condition. Doctors who participate may be more like Dr. Kevorkian than Dr. Kildare.

Vote no on 161.

(Yes-2, No-4, Abstain-1)

Yes on 162

The boards that govern state employee pension funds should be allowed to control, invest and protect the money as they see fit.

In the past, the state has raided pension funds to cover other programs with the promise the funds are to be returned. That's wrong. Pensions are not petty cash funds to be dipped into when the state is short on money.

Vote yes on 162.

(Yes-7, Abstain—1)

No on 164

If you want to get rid of your legislator, don't vote for him or her. It's that simple. If enough of your neighbors agree with you. Your legislator is out of a job. That's how democracy works.

Proposition 164 does more than keep you from voting for whomever you want. It takes away our influence in Washington. With 435 members in Congress, those who have been there longer can get more done. It's called the seniority system, and if 164 passes, California's delegation will be a perpetual freshman class.

Does California really want 52 novices in Congress when smaller states have will have experienced veterans? Unless all states have the same requirements for running for Congress, California would have the least representation, no matter how many member are in our delegation.

By voting for 164, Californians are admitting that they're not smart enough to make our own decision. If the majority believes six years or eight years or 12 years is too long to serve in Congress, then we should vote our representative out. But if the majority likes the job our representative is doing, we should vote him or her back in to keep up the good work.

Vote against term limits. No on 164.

(Yes-1, No-4, Abstain-2)

No on 165

This initiative talks about much needed reform for welfare system, but it's about more than welfare; it's about Gov. Pete Wilson not being happy with this summer's budget crisis — one he helped create — and wanting more power next year.

This bill gives the governor unilateral power to declare a fiscal emergency and then to make cuts where he wants without consulting the legislature. What's more, this new power will give the governor less incentive to negotiate with legislators. If he doesn't negotiate, he gets more power.

The governor doesn't need more power; he needs to cooperate with the people's representatives.

Further, the joining of a welfare-reform initiative the governor's grab for power is not appropriate, a clear abuse of the initiative process. Voters should not be forced to balance an opposition to one part of the bill and support for an unrelated part of the bill.

Proposition 165 is political trickery. Vote against it.

(Yes-1, No-5, Abstain-1)

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Red ribbon retards

Without lying, the saddest part of Alcohol Awareness Week is that those spastic fools wearing those spastic ribbons don't know how dumb they really are.

"The Scarlet Letter" gave modern readers the firepower to bring sexual hypocrisy to its knees and leave fornicating preachers and spineless townsfolk wailing and gnashing their teeth. Sewing a red "A" on your dress ranks with modern judicial attempts to humiliate cheap criminals with t-shirts naming their crime. "A" meant adultery. It was as hateful a move as making a dumb college student wear a red ribbon.

If you wore a red ribbon last week, your crime was really out there for all to see: stupidity. Only a loser bends over far enough to pin their crime on their shirts. And to some, stupidity is a virtue. But since we can't predict the skittish, slobbering fear and blind hate of the stupid, we cannot address them without painful laughing fits.

So laugh away, even if you thought it was impolite to laugh at retards. And the people with learning disabilities should take this remark as a compliment. Because the idiots wearing red ribbons wish they were as well off as the learning disabled.

The red ribbon retards are the new breed of really dumb brats who believe everything they read, see or hear. They grew up thinking that there was a morality attached to certain chemical compounds.

Let's take a quiz. Is the following chemical compound good or bad: 4,9-dihydro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-3H-pyrido-[3,4-b]-indole?

Actually it is better known as a harmala alkaloid. It squirts out of your pineal gland in fairly large amounts, and you would be a much different person if it didn't. So it is a good chemical compound, right?

Well, let me tell you a little more about this harmala alkaloid. Those swell folks down in South America would scrape bark off of certain trees and cook it in water and drink it. It is considered one of the strongest hallucinogens known to man. It is best known as harmaline.

So it is a bad chemical compound, right?

You be the judge. If you didn't have harmaline, you would have withered away in your mother's uterus, writhing and perishing, because the brain will not grow larger than a few cells without it. If you have harmaline, you live a normal, happy life.

You make the call. If you didn't have harmaline, you could walk the streets safe at night, trust your babysitter and live in a drug-free society. If you have harmaline, then all of those weird South American tribes run through the city ripped on tree bark.

So the true question is, where do you draw the line?

You may think your drug education was based in science. Or — because your generation was led to believe that the police know what they are talking about — the terrible things that friendly man in blue came to your school to tell you in an effort to keep you stupid has any basis in reality.

And just think, the fellow who sets you straight doesn't drink alcohol, smoke or even drink caffeinated drinks. The line is drawn in a very weird place around here.

There are no good or bad chemical compounds. There are only insecure zealots who decide whether people are good or bad based on what they put in their bodies.

These zealots tried to distribute red ribbons to everyone dumb enough to believe their lies about the red ribbons. They claimed wearing one showed your support for alcohol awareness. Who has time to argue with that?

The people organizing this event believe that alcohol is bad, and that wearing a red ribbon means that you think alcohol is a bad drug. Most who were quizzed about their red ribbon had no idea what wearing it really meant.

To look down upon those ribbonless heathens was a true vote for slobbering hate. Congratulations.

So instead be grateful that you are enough of a harmaline addict to keep your brain from shriveling up into a bean.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Today is Pro-Life Day at CSUS

Generations of Americans have held fast to our basic rights. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, we have an "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." However, how can we have liberty and pursuit of happiness if we have no right to life?

Students for Life stands for the right to life.

The pro-life movement is as diverse as America itself. The movement includes Feminists for Life of America, a liberal pro-life, anti-war feminist and social justice organization; Pro-life Democrats and Concerned Women of America, a conservative women's pro-life organization with three times as many members as the National Organization of Women.

And there are many who hold that God does not sanction murder and that murder, even when its legalized, is still murder. Famous people who have supported the pro-life position include Nobel Peace Prize winners Mahatma Ghandi and Mother Theresa.

The pro-life movement cannot by any stretch of the imagination be limited to "anti-abortion." Pro-lifers fought and succeeded in preventing the premature killing of the anencephalic newborn, "Baby Theresa," in Florida, and we fought for the comatose Susan Busalacchi, whose father wanted to starve her to death.

These issues have absolutely nothing to do with abortion by itself. However, they have something to do with the fundamental right to life.

The purpose of Students for Life is to inform faculty and students about the real meaning of "choice" as well as the underlying principles of the right to life position, to be a voice for the defenseless and to present and discuss alternative for abortion.

Why are we pro-life, then? Any time you look into a biology or embryology book and see a fetus, you see life whose gender has already been decided and who is determining his or her own growth. You see a member of the human race. You can find it not in a dark alley bookstore, but rather in the recommended reading in the CSUS Library — such as Keith L. Moore's *Essentials of Human Embryology*. We see no difference between being a person and being a member of the human race, alive and determining their own growth, with their own separate genetic code, classified specifically as an offspring and not a cancer. Any other standards being tacked onto personhood is discrimination which needs to be abolished.

Defending those who cannot defend themselves is an American tradition. It is a part of who we are.

In 1869 Susan B. Anthony said "No matter what the motive, love of ease or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed... but oh! thrice guilty is he who drove her to the desperation which impelled he to the crime."

If you want to take a stand, Join Students for Life. And we'll see you today, Pro-life Day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the University Union Redwood Room.

— Students For Life

College voters count

I wanted to express my thanks for your warm reception to my speech on your campus on Oct. 20. It was nice to see that, contrary to media reports, there are some college students who are involved in, and do care about, politics.

The passion and the concern shown was inspiring. The stresses and the burdens of campaigning are tiring, but the intensity people showed at the rally was stimulating.

It is sad that too few of your fellow students choose not to participate in defining our government to ignore them. When a legislator has to make a choice on a controversial issue, the threats educational lobbyists can make will challenge his sense of decency and the needs of students.

As long as students do not vote, they are effectively ceding control of their education to lobbyists and overpaid administrators. Only by voting can you protect what California has promised you: a quality education.

As the candidate fortunate enough to have CSUS in his district, I urge you to make those in the Capitol listen and I ask you to vote for me so that we can rebuild the educational system that Willie Brown and his collaborators have destroyed.

— Larry Bowler

Why bother printing endorsements?

Well, I must say, I'm a bit miffed. Perhaps even, dare I say, angry. The source of my disgruntlement stems from your coverage of the Republican rally, or perhaps more accurately stated, your lack of coverage.

First, let us step back to Sept. 22. On that day your paper covered the on-campus Democratic rally of the previous Friday. You wrote two articles about that rally, one of them being the lead story. You also wrote a stinging editorial, shreding the Republicans and claiming, among other things, that the Republicans "don't seem to

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GUEST COMMENTARY

The hurdles of our generation

By CAROL DAHMEN

There is an issue in this election that is not getting much attention, and it directly affects us—college age students.

I've seen the campaign ads and read various articles about how the children of tomorrow may be the first generation to do worse than their parents. Most focus on children graduating from high school around the year 2000.

As is always the case, governmental bureaucracy, is 15 years behind because it's the twenty-something generation doing worse than their parents.

When I graduate from college next spring, I stand very little chance of landing a job in which I can afford to live comfortably. A four-year degree does not carry the prestige it did when my father graduated 30 years ago.

He was able to support a wife and child his first year working. He was able to buy a home at the age of 24 because housing was not outrageously priced.

My mom did not have to work, either. It was not a necessity. As we now close in on the next century, two income families are the rule, not the exception.

The twenty-something generation has been portrayed as being lazy when in fact the opposite is true. We have had to work harder and gotten considerably less.

Most college students work at least one job to help pay for various educational expenses. Many must take out loans.

I, like many other returning students in the CSU system, found the job market utterly hopeless. The average age of the CSU student is 26, which is a far cry from 30 years ago.

When I see managers at Taco Bell, who only have a high school education, making $30,000 a year with benefits, it makes it hard for me to stay motivated and finish my degree. Most managers have labored many years, but that's the price one must pay for not being a college graduate. In the past, a college degree has meant one could go directly to mid-level management. That is no longer true.

With corporations restructuring and downsizing, the mid-level management jobs are no longer available. Graduates are competing along side those with years of experience for entry-level positions. It's obvious who will most likely get the job. Experience is everything.

Graduates are competing for fewer jobs, which has lead to many seeking internships for little or no pay in hopes of gaining the necessary experience.

As technology advances we are embarking upon a second Industrial Revolution and this election is the most important one of the century. We must choose leadership that understands the United States is no longer the power it once was.

I'm back in college so that, like my father, I too may be able to afford the cost of raising a family in the future and giving them the same advantages I had. As it stands right now, I won't be having children anytime soon.

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care about young adults." Further, you state that the *State Hornet* makes "an attempt to give equal representation to each party." That is indeed a noble statement; however, your actions suggest otherwise.

As evidence I sight last Friday's paper. There is a grand total of, count 'em folks, one article. And where is this article located? Clearly not page one. No, this small article has ben relegated to page 7. Further, one might wonder where the corresponding editorial was. Not in your paper to be sure. Is the Republican rally not as newsworthy as the Democrat's? Based on the way you covered it, the answer is obvious.

I imagine that the *State Hornet*, like other papers, will endorse a candidate soon. I would suggest that, in the interests of environmental awareness, you save a tree and don't bother printing an endorsement. Your position is already crystal clear.

(No, I'm not a Young Republican. Perish the thought!)

— Stephen Henderson
History

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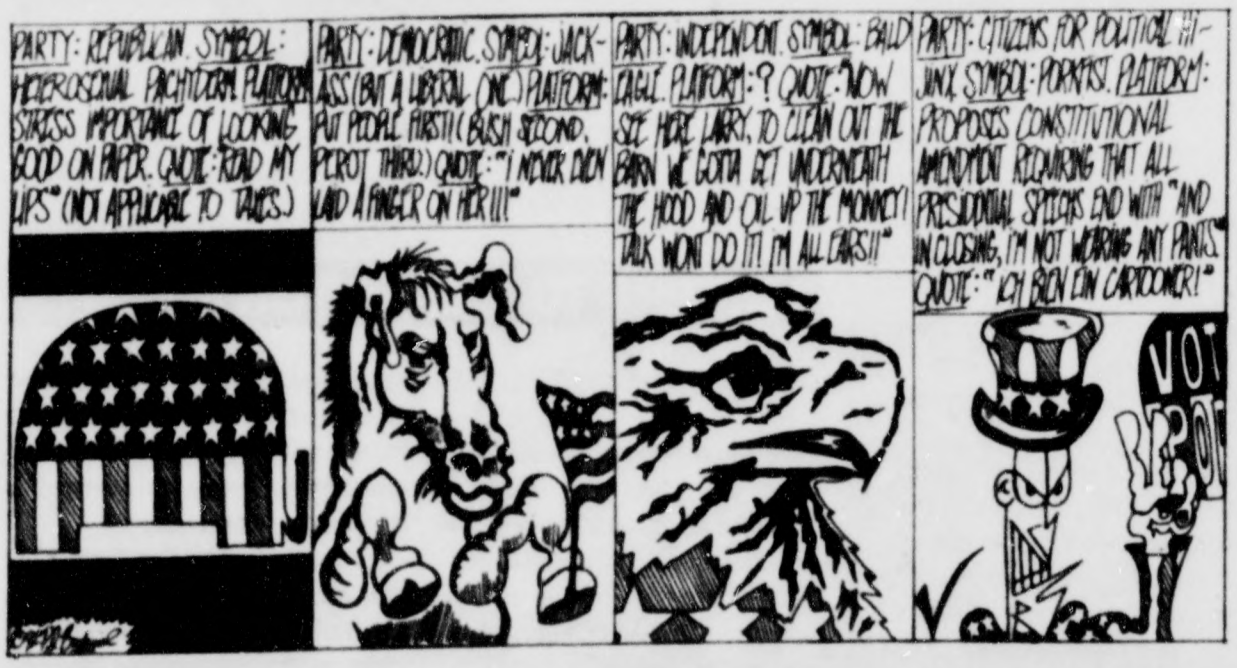
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